



November 15, 2019

Ms. Jeri Rangel, Director of Administrative Services
City of Atascadero
6500 Palma Avenue
Atascadero, CA 93422

Dear Ms. Rangel:

Subject: Amended Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1) (E), the City of Atascadero Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an Amended Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (Amended ROPS 19-20B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on September 30, 2019. Finance has completed its review of the Amended ROPS 19-20B.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance has made the following determination:

Item No. 1 – 2010 Bond Reimbursement Agreement for the requested adjustment of \$97,022 in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding is not allowed. The Agency contends that these funds were incorrectly requested as Reserve Balance and are not actually available for use. However, based on the review of documents provided, the Agency has not demonstrated that these funds are not available for use and that the adjustment is necessary to make a payment during the ROPS 19-20B period. The Agency confirmed that it made its debt service payment for the ROPS 19-20A period. Further, Finance previously authorized \$358,581 to make the April 2020 debt service payment during the Annual ROPS 19-20 review. Therefore, the \$97,022 in RPTTF is not allowed at this time.

Except for the adjustments denied in whole, Finance is not objecting to the remaining adjustments listed on your Amended ROPS 19-20B.

The Agency's amended maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the ROPS 19-20B period is \$1,029,280 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (See Attachment).

Please refer to the ROPS 19-20B schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This is Finance's determination related to the funding of enforceable obligations reported on your Amended ROPS 19-20B. Please note there is not a Meet and Confer option for the Amended ROPS process, so Finance's determination is final. This determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if it was not denied on this Amended ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Joshua Mortimer, Supervisor, or Stephen Franz, Lead Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

 JENNIFER WHITAKER
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Rachelle Rickard, City Manager, City of Atascadero
Ms. Aaronne Kessler, Property Tax Manager, San Luis Obispo County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution January 2020 through June 2020	
Authorized RPTTF on ROPS 19-20B	\$ 983,440
Authorized Administrative RPTTF on ROPS 19-20B	15,840
Total Authorized RPTTF on ROPS 19-20B	999,280
Total Requested 19-20B RPTTF Adjustments	127,022
Finance RPTTF Adjustments	
Item No. 1	(97,022)
Authorized 19-20B RPTTF Adjustments	30,000
Total Amended ROPS 19-20B RPTTF approved for distribution	1,029,280